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Robin Sweeney
Department of Energy
1551 Hillshire Dr.
Las Vegas, NV 89134

Re: Comments on scope of EIS for Caliente Corridor.

Dear Ms Sweeney,

The Environmental Impact Statement for the Caliente Rail Corridor should address:

- 1) Flooding Potential and related risk in Caliente area.
- 2) Cumulative risk to Lincoln County residents from the combined radiation from past atomic weapons testing and the proposed radwaste shipments.
- 3) Impacts to Kershaw Ryan State Park in the event that an intermodal facility is sited nearby.
- 4) Impacts to paleontological sites such as the fossil deposits near Bennett Pass.
- 5) Socioeconomic impacts such as any adverse impacts on the local tourist industry resulting from perceived risks of the transportation program or reaction to a possible transportation accident. Both all rail and intermodal options should be addressed.
- 6) Any impacts affecting the continued full operation of the Caliente Youth Center.

Sincerely,
Louis Benezet

